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Sir/Madame.... Microsoft has standardized the industry and brought stability to an emerging sector.

However the pendulum has swung too far. Analogizing Standard Oil 100 years ago is appropriate. Too much power is centralized with MS and the company is no longer nimble. MS can use it's market dominance to hinder or deny competition. It is a pattern often repeated. This same mass has begun to create products which have huge amounts of code but aren't nimble either. In my opinion MS products expect customer conformance rather than vice versa.

I'd like to MS split into five or more parts. Each with the same beginning point, that is, the core codes. These new companies would be extremely competitive. Their products would be compatible in order to saleable. This would be much more effective than a muddled and complex governmental regulation.

Gate's worth would increase like Rockefeller's after the breakup.

Seems like a win/win for all.

Thank you...

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